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FOSTER CARE AWARENESS MONTH



As a former foster youth, declaring May 2017 as Foster Care Awareness Month was a heartfelt experience. We were so fortunate to be joined by actor **Sherri Saum** and Executive Producer **Greg Gugliotta** of the TV show **The Fosters**.



The Fosters aired on ABC Family, now on Freeform is set in the City of San Diego and is a constructive portrayal of foster families and the difficult challenges that face foster children living in San

Diego. We were also joined by former foster youth and representatives from many of the foster care organizations in San Diego.



TRANSITIONAL AGE FOSTER YOUTH

Life After Aging Out of the Foster System

Sad statistics show how poorly teens leaving the foster system do when they age out. These transition age youth (TAY) face challenges like homelessness and unemployment. A roundtable meeting was hosted by **Councilmember Zapf, Supervisor Gaspar and USD's Children's Advocacy Institute** to understand where gaps in services exist and explore possible solutions. After the meeting, Councilmember Zapf, who herself was a foster youth, held a media event to hear directly from foster youth who shared their stories regarding the challenges they have faced when aging out of the foster care system. A focus also included the USD CAI presenting a Transitional Life Coach Program (TLC) who would approximate the role of a parent by providing guidance, financial literacy, oversee a small trust and give career advice to the TAY long after they age out. More information will be provided as the program launches.



Transition Aged Foster Youth Statistics

- 50% - Will not receive a high school diploma.
- 50% - Will be homeless after leaving the foster system.
- 50% - Will be unemployed
- 60% - Of the girls will become pregnant within two years.

Students not reading proficiently by third grade are **4 times** more likely to drop out of school

CITYWIDE BOOK DRIVE

At Longfellow K-8 Spanish Immersion School

During the month of May, Councilmember Zapf hosted a citywide book drive with her council colleagues. Thousands of books were collected at 25 participating libraries. The Clairemont Library shared some of their donations with Ms. Nunez's third grade class to encourage summer reading and prevent the summer reading slide.



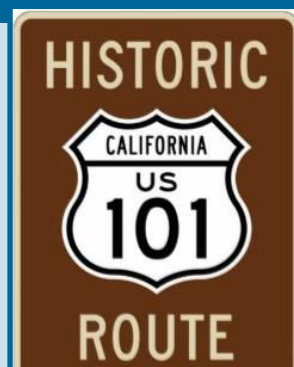
MISSION BEACH COMMUNITY CLEAN UP



Thank you so much to the 234 volunteers who participated in the Mission Beach Community Clean Up co-hosted with I Love A Clean San Diego. Together, we removed 345 pounds of trash, 128 pounds of recycling and stenciled 27 storm drains! A big shout out to Environmental Services Department and Urban Corps for picking up discarded items and power-washing the sidewalks along the business corridor. Please help us with the Morning After Mess Cleanup on July 5th from 9-Noon at Mission Beach Park . Please visit www.ilacsd.org to register

HISTORIC US 101 SIGN UNVEILING

Morena Boulevard was part of the original US Highway Route 101. The route was a network of linked roads that began at the Mexican Border and went as far as Olympia Washington. Thanks to the work of organizer Dave Potter and funding from the Linda Vista Town Council, Clairemont Town Council, Morena Business Association and the Linda Vista Development Corporation, eight signs were installed to highlight the historical significance. It was a great day to remember the past, when cars like Model A's, T's, Packard's, Buick's and Chevy's graced this road as an official part of the highway.



OUT AND ABOUT WITH Councilmember Lorie Zapf



Left: Honoring **Connecting Hope** for the work they do to strengthen youth relationships with their community.



Above: Fundraising event to support the continued operation of the Mount Soledad National Veteran's Memorial.



OCEAN BEACH TOWN COUNCIL'S THIRD
ANNUAL FIRST RESPONDERS BBQ



CELEBRATING THE 25TH
ANNIVERSARY OF OCEAN
BEACH FARMER'S MARKET



CLAIREMONT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
FIRST BUSINESS COMMUNITY MIXER



Right: Celebrating at Council with the First FTC Robotics World Champions with their robot 4216—RISE OF HEPHAESTUS that picks up a ball! Congratulations to these outstanding Point Loma High School Students.

